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Chapter 14 Utah Data Research Center

Part 1 General Provisions

35A-14-101 Title.

This chapter is known as "Utah Data Research Center."

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35A-14-102 Definitions.

As used in this chapter:

- (1) "Advisory board" means the Utah Data Research Advisory Board created in Section 35A-14-203.
- (2) "Center" means the Utah Data Research Center.
- (3) "Data" means any information about a person stored in a physical or electronic record.
- (4) "Data research program" means the data maintained by the center in accordance with Section 35A-14-301.
- (5) "De-identified data" means data about a person that cannot, without additional information, identify the person to another person or machine.
- (6) "Director" means the director of the Workforce Research and Analysis Division.
- (7) "Participating entity" means:
 - (a) the State Board of Education, which includes the director as defined in Section 53E-10-701;
 - (b) the Utah Board of Higher Education;
 - (c) the Department of Workforce Services; and
 - (d) the Department of Health.

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Part 2 Utah Data Research Authority Governance

35A-14-201 Utah Data Research Center -- Creation.

The Utah Data Research Center is created within the Workforce Research and Analysis Division within the department.

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35A-14-202 Utah Data Research Center -- Powers.

The center may:

- (1) employ staff necessary to carry out the center's duties;
- (2) purchase, own, create, or maintain equipment necessary to:
 - (a) collect data from the participating entities;
 - (b) connect and de-identify data collected by the center;

- (c) store connected and de-identified data; or
- (d) conduct research on data stored or obtained by the center; or
- (3) contract with a private entity, another state or federal entity, or a political subdivision of the state to carry out the center's duties as provided in this chapter.

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35A-14-203 Utah Data Research Advisory Board -- Composition -- Appointment.

- (1) There is created the Utah Data Research Advisory Board in accordance with this section.
- (2) The Utah Data Research Advisory Board is composed of the following members:
 - (a) the state superintendent of the State Board of Education or the state superintendent's designee;
 - (b) the commissioner of higher education or the commissioner of higher education's designee;
 - (c) the executive director of the Department of Workforce Services or the executive director's designee; and
 - (d) the director of the Department of Health or the director's designee.
- (3) The executive director shall serve as chair.
- (4) A member of the board:
 - (a) except to the extent a member's service on the board is related to the member's duties outside of the board, may not receive compensation or benefits for the member's service; and
 - (b) may receive per diem and travel expenses in accordance with:
 - (i) Section 63A-3-106;
 - (ii) Section 63A-3-107; and
 - (iii) rules made by the Division of Finance under Sections 63A-3-106 and 63A-3-107.

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35A-14-204 Director -- Additional staff -- Administrative support.

- (1) The director shall manage the day-to-day operations of the center.
- (2) The director may, with the department's approval, hire staff, including:
 - (a) data scientists;
 - (b) data technology experts; and
 - (c) data security experts.

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Part 3

Data Research Program

35A-14-301 Data research center.

- (1) The center shall establish a data research program for the purpose of analyzing data that is:
 - (a) collected over time;
 - (b) aggregated from multiple sources; and
 - (c) connected and de-identified.
- (2) The center may, in order to establish the data research program described in Subsection (1):

- (a) acquire property or equipment in order to store aggregated, connected, and de-identified data derived from data contributed by the participating entities; or
- (b) contract with a private entity in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 6a, Utah Procurement Code, or with a state government entity to:
 - (i) store aggregated, connected, and de-identified data derived from data contributed by the participating entities; or
 - (ii) utilize existing aggregated, connected, and de-identified data maintained by a state government entity.
- (3) A participating entity shall contribute data to the data research program described in Subsection (1) within guidelines established by the center.
- (4) The center may only release data maintained by the center in accordance with the procedures described in this chapter.
- (5) The data research program is not subject to Title 63G, Chapter 2, Government Records Access and Management Act.

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35A-14-302 Center duties -- Data studies.

- (1) The center shall use data that the center maintains or that a participating entity contributes to the data research program under Section 35A-14-301 to conduct research for the purpose of developing public policy for the state.
- (2) The director, with consultation by the advisory board, shall create a prioritized list of data research for the center to conduct using the data research program each year.
- (3)
 - (a) In developing the list described in Subsection (2), the center shall accept data research requests from:
 - (i) a legislative committee or a legislative staff office;
 - (ii) the governor or an executive branch agency;
 - (iii) the State Board of Education; and
 - (iv) the Utah Board of Higher Education.
 - (b) The department shall begin accepting the data research requests described in Subsection (3) (a) on July 1, 2017.
 - (c) The center shall report the list described in Subsection (2) to the Education Interim Committee before December 1 of each year.
- (4) In addition to conducting data research in accordance with the prioritized list described in Subsection (2), the center may use additional resources to prepare data research at the request of:
 - (a) a state government entity;
 - (b) a political subdivision of the state;
 - (c) a private entity; or
 - (d) a member of the public.
- (5) The director, with approval by the board, shall determine, for a data research request described in Subsection (4):
 - (a) whether the center has the resources to complete the data research request;
 - (b) the order in which the center shall complete the data research request, if at all; and
 - (c) a reasonable estimated cost for the request.
- (6) The center, after evaluating a request under Subsection (5), shall:
 - (a) provide the person that requested the data research with a cost estimate; and

- (b) require, before accepting a data research request, that the person that submitted the data research request agree to pay, once the data research is complete, the full cost of completing the data research request as determined by the center under Subsection (5).
- (7) The center shall make available to the public, on a website maintained by the center, any data research request that the center completes under this section.
- (8) The center shall ensure that any data contained in a completed data research request is de-identified.
- (9) The center shall:
 - (a) establish, by rule made in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act:
 - (i) procedures for submitting a data research request under this section;
 - (ii) criteria to determine how to prioritize data research requests; and
 - (iii) minimum standards for information a person is required to include in a data research request; and
 - (b) create a fee schedule in accordance with Section 63J-1-504 for completing a data research request.
- (10) In addition to submitting a data research request under Subsection (4), a participating entity, executive branch agency, or legislative staff office may request, and the center may release, a data set from the data research program if the data set is:
 - (a) connected;
 - (b) aggregated; and
 - (c) de-identified.
- (11)
 - (a) The center shall use any fee the center collects under this section to cover the center's costs to administer this chapter.
 - (b) The center shall deposit any fee the center collects under this section not used to cover the center's costs into the General Fund.

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35A-14-303 Data visualization access.

- (1) In addition to performing data research and responding to data research requests under Section 35A-14-302, the center shall create an online data visualization portal that provides access to the public to connected, aggregated, and de-identified data in the program.
- (2) The data visualization portal described in Subsection (1) shall include role-based dashboards that:
 - (a) allow a user to query data in the program;
 - (b) integrate real-time data; and
 - (c) allow a user to view queried data in a customizable environment.

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35A-14-304 Reporting.

- (1) The center shall report to the Education Interim Committee:
 - (a) before July 1 of each year regarding the center's:
 - (i) research priorities for the year; and
 - (ii) completed research from the previous year; and

- (b) before December 1 of each year, the center's ongoing data research priority list described in Subsection 35A-14-302(2).
- (2) The Education Interim Committee shall provide the center ongoing input regarding the center's data research priorities.

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